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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/766,808	Applicant(s) YAMANAKA ET AL.	
	Examiner Dung (Michael) T. Nguyen	Art Unit 2828	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 January 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of the Group I invention (claims 1 and 3) in the reply filed on 12/15/05 is acknowledged.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference character(s) not mentioned in the description: the reference number 12. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d), or amendment to the specification to add the reference character(s) in the description in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person

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having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okazaki et al. (2002/0090172) in view of Fujiwara (4360965).

With respect to claims 1-3, Okazaki et al. show in Fig. 1 and 3 a laser module comprising:

an optical fiber (30);

a laser element (LD1-LD7) which includes,

a heat sink (10) which is made of copper (paragraph 0055, lines 7), and has a fixation surface having a predetermined shape (flat top surface), and

a nitride-based semiconductor laser bar which has least three light-emission points formed on a substrate, emits laser beams from the at least three light-emission points (paragraph 0029),

and an optical condensing system (20) which optically multiplexes said laser beams, and makes the optically multiplexed laser beams enter said optical fiber.

Okazaki et al. lack the process of the semiconductor laser bar being bonded to the heat sink with a brazing material containing gold and one of tin and silicon as main components, by pressing the semiconductor laser bar toward the fixation surface with a tool having a shape corresponding to the predetermined shape of the fixation surface during a brazing operation.

Fujiwara teaches in Fig. 4 the process of the semiconductor laser (24) being bonded to the heat sink (23) with a brazing material containing gold and tin as main

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components (column 5, lines 20-21), by pressing the semiconductor laser toward the fixation surface (flat top surface) with a tool (vacuum collet) (41) having a shape corresponding to the predetermined shape of the fixation surface during a brazing operation (column 5, lines 19-22).

Okazaki et al. and Fujiwara are under the same analogous art of semiconductor laser device.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide Okazaki et al. what is taught by Fujiwara in order to manufacture a semiconductor laser device which is mounted and bonded to a heat sink with a low thermal resistance value and rigid mechanical coupling property and also to ensure the semiconductor laser device producing a high output power and having a long operating life (column 2, lines 50-54 and 59-64) for optical communication systems.

Communication Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dung (Michael) T Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1949. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 - 17:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Min Harvey can be reached on (571) 272-1835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-3329.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Dung Nguyen", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael Dung Nguyen

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